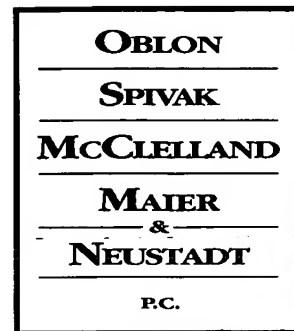




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**Response to the Requirement for Restriction**

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In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 16, 2005, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I: claims 1-2 and 4-5, drawn to a pretreatment kit comprising sodium hydroxide, tartaric acid and a nonionic surface active agent, and method for saliva in the identification and quantification of *Streptococci mutans*.